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Intercept Deployment Plans
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REFERENCE : [REDACTED] Planning Note

1. We believe that the concept of long range intercept planning is an excellent idea.
2. The entire office is in a continuous process of assessing the priority and rate of development of a wide range of future intelligence targets. S/COM can, of course, contribute to intelligence estimates on what the Sino-Soviet Bloc will have in the way of telecommunications facilities in the future, under a, b, and c of the second series in referenced planning note.
3. We believe that a continuing inter-agency subcommittee would be the most effective mechanism for the planning purposes. We would be prepared, however, to participate in any forum which might contribute to the improvement of planning intercept operation.
4. We find it difficult to divorce this concept from that of recurrent inventorying of radio links in being as the point of departure for intercept planning into the future, a matter I discussed at the Chief, ERA staff meeting of 14 October. We recommend that the two concepts be pursued together.

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